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REMARKS

[Redacted]

1. On 15 January 1952, the Hindenburg Kaserne on the south side of Neuendorferstrasse in Plauen (H 51/K 12) quartered 1,500 to 2,000 men. Sentries observed there were red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered red epaulets. In the evenings of 13 and 15 January, [Redacted] seven four-story barracks buildings were fully illuminated. The troops quartered at the installation were seen doing close-order drill and field training without heavy weapons. [Redacted] six light SU-76 SP guns, [Redacted] were stationed in the Hindenburg Kaserne.

[Redacted]

2. On 15 January, the northern and western sections of the Koenig Georg Kaserne on the north side of Neuendorferstrasse were occupied to capacity by 800 to 1,000 men. In the evening hours, the quarters available there were fully lighted. The only activity observed was the servicing of motor vehicles.

3. During the period from 11 to 15 January, the Kirchbach Kaserne on the northwest side of Zaderastrasse quartered about 600 men. Sentries observed there were red-bordered black epaulets. In the evening hours, the quarters were illuminated. Groups of up to 20 men armed with rifles were observed doing close-order drill in the barracks yard. **

4. On 15 January, [Redacted] the HGB headquarters was located in the block of buildings immediately west of Rosa Luxemburg Platz. ***

* [Redacted]

** Comment. This information indicates that the 87th Gun Artillery Regt. [Redacted] is still stationed in the Koenig Georg Kaserne and in the Kirchbach Kaserne. It is believed that [Redacted] did not see any guns because of intensified security measures taken by the Russians. Since, the troops allegedly observed at the two barracks installations exceed the normal strength of an artillery regiment and since [Redacted] the 420th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt,

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were observed, there is a slight possibility that this rifle regiment, no longer confirmed as being in Saalfeld during the past months, has moved to Plauen. However, there are other indications which make it more probable that this unit has moved to Ohrdruf. [REDACTED]

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